



## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicant(s): Masakatsu SHIMIZU et al.

Invention: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR ESTIMATING PRODUCT COST

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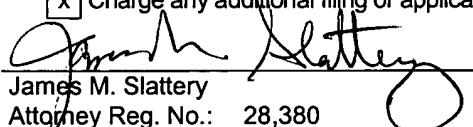
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed May 31, 2005 (Paper No. 20050523), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.